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SUBJ: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE--FINANCING OF UNEF/UNDOF

1. EGYPTIAN FIFTH COMMITTEE REP(AND COMMITTEE RAPPORTEUR) AHMEN ABOUL-GHEIT APPROACHED US FIFTH COMMITTEE REP OCTOBER 13 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ROLE OF FIFTH COMMITTEE AND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FINANCING OF UNEF/UNDOF. ABOUL-GHEIT EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR EGYPTIAN AND US DELS TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ON QUESTION, SAYING "WE HAVE COMMON INTEREST." DELEGATION OFFICER REPLIED THAT USDEL OF COURSE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EGYPTIAN DEL AS IN PAST.

2. ABOUL-GHEIT NEXT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FINANCING QUESTION COULD BE DEALT WITH IN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER SO THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY WOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 31 WHEN EXISTING FINANCING AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY GENERAL RE BOTH UNEF AND UNDOF TERMINATES. HE SAID HIS DELEGATION DID NOT WISH DELAY WHICH WOULD REQUIRE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO ADOPT /CONTINUING RESOLUTION" AS IT DID DURING 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN ONE MONTH EXTENSION WAS AGREED TO PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION. ABOUL-GHEIT WARNED THAT FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S

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PROCEDURE WOULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR "TROUBLEMAKERS" TO

MAKE MISCHIEF ON TWO OCCASIONS AND EGYPTIANS WANTED TO FORECLOSE AT LEAST ONE OF THEM. HE ASKED DELEGATION OFFICER IF THIS GOAL WAS CONSISTENT WITH US THINKING AND HOW IT COULD BE ATTAINED. DELOFF REPOIED THAT US ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN APPROPRIATE AND SPEEDY HANDLING OF FINANCIAL QUESTION; SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE FAVORED COMPLETING ACTION PRIOR TO OCTOBER 31. ON TACTICS, DELOFF SUGGESTED THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE COULD RECESS ITS DEBATES(WHICH ARE NOT HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH ACABQ DELIBERATIONS) IN ORDER TO GIVE ACABQ NECESSARY TIME TO ACT QUICKLY ON SYG'S FINANCING PROPOSALS. DELOFF, WHO IS US EXPERT MEMBER OF ACABQ, SAID HE WOULD MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT IN THAT BODY TO THIS END. IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY TO GET AGREEMENT OF FIFTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO TAKE UP ITEM AS SOON AS ACABQ REPORTED AND TO DEVOTE MAXIMUM FIFTH COMMITTEE ATTENTION TO IT UNTIL COMMITTEE ACTION COMPLETED. EARLY PLENARY CONSIDERATION WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE ARRANGED. DELOFF BELIEVED SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT. ABOUL-GHEIT REPLIED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO THIS END IF WE BOTH COULD AGREE ON THSE TACTICS.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN SPEEDY ACTION ON FINANCIAL QUESTION AND FACT THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH US OBJECTIVES, MISSION INTENDS TO WORK WITH EGYPTIAN AND OTHER DELEGATIONS IN EFFORT TO ORCHESTRATE TIMING AND TACTICS FOR ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE HANDLING OF SUBJECT ALONG ABOVE LINES. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION ON TACTICS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. AS IN PAST, STATEMENTS MAY BE MADE WHICH WILL ATTEMPT LABEL ISRAELIS AS CAUSE OF CURRENT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS, AND THUS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION AND LARGE EXPENDITURE OF UN FUNDS. IF CERTAIN ARAB DELEGATIONS AND SOVIETS WADE IN AGAINST ISRAELIS WITH RHETORICAL FLOURISHES, MODERATE RESPONSES AND LOW-KEY POSTURE BY ISRAELI DEL MAY BE BEST MEANS OF DEFUSING OTHERWISE ACRIMONIOUS AND LENGTHY DEBATE.
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